

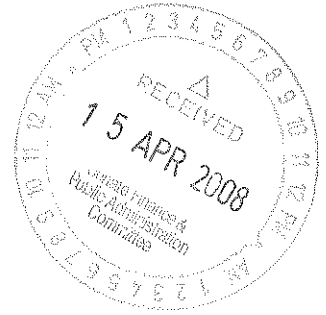
Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008



Question: F56

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Savings measures – Family Relationships Centre advertising

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Senator Brandis asked:

Senator BRANDIS— ...Is Family Relationships Centre advertising in the Department of Human Services, or the Attorney-General's Department?

Dr Grimes—Attorney-General's.

Senator BRANDIS—I would like to know whether the Attorney-General was consulted and I would like to know what steps Mr Tanner took, or caused to be taken on his behalf, particularly to consult the family relationships centres so as to better inform himself and those who made this decision of the impact of the decision...

Answer:

1. Yes.
2. The decisions taken by the Strategic Budget Committee of Cabinet were made following the provision of departmental advice, and had regard to the possible effects on stakeholders.